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The Honorable Lamar Smith United States House of Representatives Washington DC 20515-4321

Dear Representative Smith:

I am pleased to submit the City of Austin's FY 2010 request for \$1 million for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), which was approved unanimously by the Austin City Council as part of the City's Federal Legislative Program for the 111^{th} Congress -1^{st} Session.

The City of Austin has developed an intelligent transportation systems (ITS) deployment plan as part of its efforts to improve mobility information for residents, reduce congestion, improve mobility and improve air quality. Deployment of the ITS will provide Austin with enhanced intelligent transportation information technologies and data collection technologies throughout central Austin, helping the City to provide Austin residents and visitors with mobility information related to traffic congestion, transit alternatives, access routes into downtown, and access routes to major events.

The project would result in improved web-based communication tools throughout the region for communication of mobility related information, improved signal operation, and increased diversion of travelers from single occupancy vehicles into modes of travel that carry multiple passengers. Specific components of the system include a Traffic & Transportation Website, Variable Message Boards and Surveillance & Detection Cameras.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and thank you for your work on Austin's behalf.

Regards,

Will Wynn Mayor

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